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1. The members of the Kawthulay Committee include the following:

From Papun:	HIA PE, OHN PE, BA AYE
From Toungoo:	MIN MAUNG, Saw LONE
From Maubin:	WE THAW, BA AYE
From Bassein:	SAN KEY, Saw JACK
From Henzada:	Saw MARTIN, Saya AUNG SHEIN
From Myaungmya, Zalun and Danubyu:	Mahn DAUK, Hunter THA MWE, SEIN MONE

There are also representatives from Thaton but the names of these are not known.

2. The Kawthulay forces in the Delta have adopted a scorched earth policy in some areas on past occasions. However, this is not a standing policy, nor an over-all strategy.
3. Approximately 75 percent of the Kawthulay Committee are willing to concede, as a prerequisite to peace negotiations with the Government of Burma, that any independent Karen State should remain within the Union of Burma.
4. Present locations of Kawthulay leaders are as follows:

MIN MAUNG's headquarters is at Peinthila, 47 miles northeast of Toungoo.

Hunter THA MWE's headquarters are near Dedaye Township, about 10 miles from his former locale which he has just vacated.

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Mahn BA ZAN and WE THAW are in Yendaung, the Karen National Union Headquarters.

KYAW SEIN has his headquarters in Kyaiklat Township.

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5. Hunter THA MWE is cooperating with both the Communist Party (Burma) (CP(B) and the Burma Communist Party (BCP) in the Delta, but primarily with the CP(B). There are three to six Communists at THA MWE's headquarters but these are second rank people.
6. [REDACTED]
7. During the past two years, the Karens have spent approximately Rs. 25,000 on medicines for the underground KNDO. Medicines are not badly needed now but will be once the monsoon starts. Medicines most urgently needed are Mepacrine and M.P. Tablets (sic). Penicillin injections are always needed in large amounts.

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